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Y. M. C. A. HOLDS BANQUET.

150 MEN PRESENT.

College Songs and Yells Enliven the Occasion — Fred B. Smith the Speaker of the Occasion.

On Thursday evening, February 20th, the Young Men's Christian Association of the George Washington University held its second annual banquet. The standard set last year was more than maintained in every respect. By 6:30 o'clock the lobby of the Central Y. M. C. A. building was filled with students from every department of the University, 150 all told, every man full of the spirit of the occasion, and anxious to begin the program of the evening. At 6:45 the signal was given, and the men fell into line, marching up the broad stairway to the Assembly Hall on the third floor, where a delightfully cosy place had been prepared for them. The hall was tastefully decorated with American flags which hung at full length before the windows. The University flag, with its great seal, was suspended on the wall at the head of the long tables. Over the main entrance the Union Jack was draped, while the flag of Mexico hung gracefully over the second entrance. Two large Turkish rugs spread on the floor, within the great U made by the dining tables, added to the atmosphere of comfort a feeling of simple luxury.

Mr. Ernest Risley Eaton, the President of the University Association, was toastmaster. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Eaton's devotion to the in-

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terests of the association. There are few men who would be willing to make the personal sacrifices necessary to carry to a successful issue the enterprises which have prospered under his hand. It was a proud moment for him, as well as for his co-laborers when he rose to present President Needham, who made the opening address to that splendid body of men.

Just here it ought to be said that there have been few occasions in the history of the University when a deeper spirit of loyalty to dear old George Washington has been manifested. There were men from the College of Arts and Sciences, from the Schools of Law, Medicine, Politics and Diplomacy, Architecture—in short every department of the University, all joining in college yells and songs, cheering Prexy and the Deans, getting outside of and beside themselves with good humor and enthusiasm for our *Almus Pater* (?) and all he (?) stands for. Indeed it is to be questioned whether true college spirit ever ran so high among us.

Well the speakers rose to the occasion. President Needham's address was one of the masterful appeals to all that is best and noblest in the hearts of men. In it the keynote of the evening was struck. Following Dr. Needham came a crisp, brief address by Dean Veditz, of the College of Politics and Diplomacy. Dr. Ve-

ditz spoke in his clear, forceful way, of the emphasis now being laid upon the social conscience in all religious teaching.

Dean Hodgkin, of the Washington College of Engineering, next expressed his pleasure in all that had passed, and his anticipations for the future, complimenting the association in a truly superlative fashion.

Dean Wilbur gave one of those little masterpieces from his heart, which the University men have learned to expect and to love.

Last came Fred B. Smith. Although the hour was wearing late, he held his audience by the spell of his inspired utterances until the end. Scintillating wit, deep philosophy, the pathos of life—all mingled in his heart-stirring message. The men were often in laughter as he aimed a shaft at Prexy, and as often near tears as he pictured the misery and unrest that so much abound in the world. His appeal, while it contained many things of paramount importance to young men who would live, struck, as its dominant chord, the need of harmony with Jesus Christ in his purpose for the individual soul.

Mr. Woodward was present, and spoke of the value of Christianity to a business man.

The last number on the program was the presentation of a group picture of the G. W. U. Association to Mr. Smith.

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MID-WINTER CONVOCATION.

SENATOR BURKETT SPEAKS.

Utters Strong Protest Against Government Ownership of Railroads—Degrees Conferred.

One of the best attended of George Washington's winter convocations was held last Saturday in the Belasco Theater. The following degrees were conferred:

Bachelor of Arts: Claude Carville Jones, Maryland.

Bachelor of Science: Charles Henry Tyler, Townsend, D. C.

Bachelor of Science on Civil Engineering: David Albert Mollitor, Wisconsin.

Bachelor of Science in Architecture: Charles Russell Lombard, Maine.

Master of Diplomacy: August Friedrich Edler, A. M., Germany.

Doctor of Medicine: Thomas Alexander Lee, Jr., D. C.; Franz Carl Weldecker, Kansas.

Bachelor of Laws: Arthur George Baker, B. A., Massachusetts; Louis Nelson Duffey, Virginia; Paul Rankin Hallam, Kentucky; Charles Meyer Morris, Utah; Edwin Augustus Packard, B. S., Massachusetts.

Master of Laws: James T. Simpson, LL. B., New Hampshire.

Doctor of Civil Law: Roscoe J. C. Dorsey, LL. M. Mt. Dip., Pennsylvania.

Master of Science: George Nelson Coffee, Ph. B., North Carolina.

Doctor of Philosophy: Clara Southmayd Ludlow, B. S. M. S., Mississippi.

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an address by Senator Elmer J. Burkett, of Nebraska, on "The Protest of Americanism Against Government Ownership of Railroads." In part it is as follows:

SENATOR BURKETT'S SPEECH.

The subject that I have chosen is "The Protest of Americanism Against Government Ownership of Railroads." Within the next dozen years, in my opinion, the people of this country are going to determine whether the ideas that have directed our course hitherto in this particular are to be perpetuated or whether, following the example of effete monarchies, we shall pursue a plan impracticable of execution, un-American in its inception and socialistic in its accomplishment.

For a century we have existed as a nation, and operated under a policy that the function of government is to govern; that its prerogatives should go no further than the life, liberty, and welfare of its citizens in a supervising capacity, and to its own honor and perpetuity. The struggles of trade and commerce have been left to individuals, and the government has contented itself with maintaining harmony and equal opportunity. And if to-day we shall undertake government ownership of railroads we will take a step

backwards, set aside every teaching of the fathers, every principle of the constitution, and trample upon every tradition of the Republic.

There are three considerations that call for attention—three phases of each question that must be determined: The constitutional phase, the financial phase, and the political phase. Is it constitutional? Is it economic? Is it politic? The question then becomes:

First: Is it possible—constitutionally, economically, politically?

Second: Is it advisable, constitutionally, economically and politically?

The really serious question that confronts us is that of Advisability. Granting as I do that the first question of possibility can be answered affirmatively, I am not willing to admit the latter. In my opinion, government ownership of railroads is not advisable from any of the three standpoints that I have mentioned. It is not advisable constitutionally, economically or politically.

*Granting that it would be possible to amend the constitution, I deny that it would be advisable; or granting that the constitution would not need amending, I am not willing that it should be stretched.

I think I may say without fear of contradiction that the authors of the constitution did not contemplate, to say the least, that the government should enter, in any degree, commercial pursuits. The fundamental law was made upon the theory that the government was to be a regulator of things, and not a doer of things; that it was to be a harmonizer of differences, rather than a participator in the struggle for life; that it was to encourage thrift without itself being thrifty; that it was to stimulate enterprise without withholding any of its rewards; that it was to regulate commerce without trafficking in trade; that it was to help men, but not to be

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competitors of men. In short, the founders of the Republic, the authors of the constitution, believed, as one of their distinguished members expressed it, "that nothing should be done by the general government which the local authorities are competent to do, and nothing by any governmental power which individuals can do for themselves."

I fear that upon this question of government ownership more votes may be determined by the financial effect, or the fancied financial effect, on the present generation, than by the sociological and political effect upon our grandchildren. Pocket-books of to-day may be stronger considerations than the liberties of to-morrow. But in my judgment both are arrayed against government ownership of railroads. It will be ruinous in our day and disastrous to-morrow.

Now of course I know that someone wants to answer that the business will pay its own way. How do you know? It may—some years, but not every year—it may not any year. The United States has never made any money out of anything so far—how do you know it would out of railroads? Government ownership of railroads has paid in some countries, some years. In some countries no years, but in no country every year. Private ownership has paid at times in this country, at other times it has not paid. I recall that within ten-years more than a fourth of the mileage of this country has been sold on the auction block because it could not pay interest upon the mortgages. This is the era of greatest prosperity that this generation, and probably any generation, has ever seen, yet Poor's Manual of Railroad Information, the authority that nobody disputes, says that

some railroads did not make running expenses last year. It also shows that some parts of great systems lost much money. The Interstate Commerce Commission informed me that thirty-seven per cent of the railroad stock paid no dividends last year, and that some were in the hands of a receiver. Those railroads, every mile of them, have been paying taxes into our treasuries. Under government ownership they would not be taxed. I cannot imagine a more distressing event to the tax paying public, unless it would be one of those years when the railroads under government ownership failed to pay expenses, and the people not only lose the railroad tax, but must tax themselves an additional sum to make up the deficiency of railroad expenses. In that time the people will wish, in terms pathetic and expressive, that there was some despised and sometimes abused railroad capitalist upon whom to unload the deficiency.

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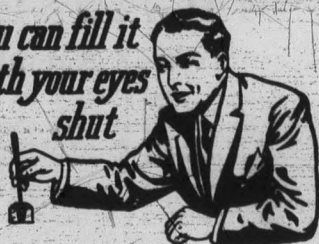
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The presentation speech was made by Mr. Robert F. Fleming, Vice President of the University Association. Mr. Fleming spoke feelingly of the kindness shown the University Association by Mr. Smith, who has twice found time in his busy, itinerant life to attend our banquets and make addresses. Mr. Fleming referred to the parable of the sower, and applied it to the work of Mr. Smith among us.

Mr. Smith replied in a few words of genuine appreciation, saying that the picture, and a desk which was the gift of one of his Washington friends, would be among the most cherished treasures in his New York office.

After more cheering, and general hand-shaking, the company separated, to talk for many days of the grand good time, and to take courage for the battles of college life and business life from the heart to heart contact with these spirit-filled men.

**"CALIFORNIAN" SUSPENDS
PUBLICATION.**

The "Daily Californian" has suspended publication owing to financial straits. An eight by ten-inch single sheet is being issued merely to maintain the paper's mailing rights. The paper has been in difficulties for two years. This year the circulation has been about 325. Unless the undergraduates at the university agree at a mass meeting to assume its debts, amounting to about \$1,000, the sheet will be abandoned. It was founded in 1897.

EXCHANGES.

Fred Norcross, captain of the famous 1905 Michigan football team, will coach the Oregon Agricultural College again this fall.

John D. Rockefeller has recently given the University of Chicago \$2,191,000, making a total of \$23,899,861.98 he has given to it. Chicago's endowment is now next to Harvard's, the latter being second to Leland Stanford University.

One hundred and one American colleges have a holiday on Monday instead of Saturday. Their presidents enthusiastically approve of the change and believe that it has largely done away with the use of the Sunday for study. The American Sabbath Union, of New York, is urging the general adoption of a Monday holiday in colleges, and prints in a leaflet for free distribution the letters of college presidents who have adopted the plan.

William F. Pierce presented to the General Alumni Association of Kenyon College, a cup, called "The President's Cup," which is to be awarded annually to the class which has the best record for attendance during Commencement week.

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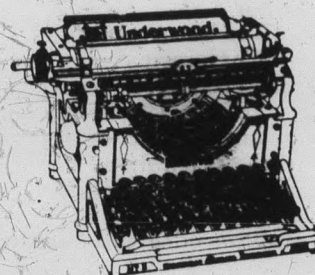
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1908.

A very important meeting of the Senior Class of Columbian College and the Washington College of Engineering is called for Thursday evening, February 27, in Room 26 of the University building. The question of the class pin will be taken up at this meeting and it is hoped will be settled without further delay. The class will also consider the class play and the advisability of having a class social in the near future. A full attendance is therefore requested in order that these important matters may be settled.

A well-attended meeting of the Classical Club was held yesterday evening at the Woman's Building. The feature of the evening was an address by Dr. Carroll on the life and works of Thomas Day Seymour, of Yale, the author of *Life in the Homeric Age*.

Professor Carroll and Professor Smith are much interested in the proposed organization of the Classical Club to be composed of teachers of Latin and Greek and Classical Art in Washington and vicinity. As a result of committee meetings held in Professor Carroll's office, an announcement has just been issued stating that a meeting for organization will be held in the Woman's Building on Saturday, February 29th, at 11:30 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. At this time Professor H. L. Wilson, of Johns Hopkins University, will give an address on the "Relations of the School in Rome to Classical Teachers in Secondary Schools."

After the adjournment of the meeting a buffet luncheon will be served.

BASKET BALL TEAM RETURNS.

The basketball team returned Saturday from its northern trip and the men report a fine time despite the fact that every game was lost.

The best game was played in Tyrone and was one of the finest exhibitions of basketball ever displayed by a George Washington team and showed what can be done when the fellows put some spirit in the contest. The Tyrone team was played off its feet for a while. If the game hadn't been stopped to put the crowd back, our team would undoubtedly have won, as the delay seemed to break up the pace which they were going. The other team took advantage of the rest, and found enough energy to break the tie. When the game ended George Washington had the ball and was just getting ready to shoot.

The team found some exceedingly poor halls in which to play, and this was one of the main reasons for defeat. The hall in DuBois was so poorly lighted that the ball couldn't be seen when a pass was made by our players. The DuBois team, because of good playing on our part in the first half, failed to give us a perfectly square deal in the second.

The trip was a financial success, due largely to Manager Biddle's relatives in New Castle, who entertained the team while there, and saved the two days' hotel expenses.

Next Friday and Saturday, the team goes to Lexington and Charlottesville to play Washington and Lee and Virginia. Gettysburg will be our opponents, in Convention Hall next Thursday night, for a return game. The skating rink management is trying to withdraw from the agreement entered into with the manager which may necessitate cancellation of home games unless another hall can be secured by Manager Biddle.

STERRETT WINS AGAIN.

Jack Sterrett covered himself with glory last Saturday night at Baltimore, by winning the pole vault at 11 feet, 1 inch. This beats his own record of 10 feet, 9 inches, and comes within three-quarters of inch of the Southern record. Sterrett participated despite an injured hand, and exceeded all expectations. It is understood that he will attempt a higher mark at the meet in Baltimore, this week.

The relay team, consisting of Brame, Claggett, Birney and Sterrett, won their relay against Catholic University, but were disqualified on account of an alleged foul. According to authentic reports, what fouling was done came from the other team. Somehow or other George Washington received the short end of the deal, but were compelled to submit.

B. M. Fontaine, of Freshman Law, won the shot put, and secured a place in the vault. This is encouraging news for the track team, and should result in renewed

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ed efforts on the part of other men in the University.

On the whole, reports were very encouraging. There is a strong nucleus for a good track team, in the men who participated in last week's meet, and those who have shown their ability on other occasions. There seems to be no reason why George Washington should not gain many points in ensuing meets, and add to already good results obtained.

A MODERNIZED OXFORD.

One of the latest items of news from London states that historic old Oxford is to be modernized, that new professorships of modern languages, including Japanese, and improved facilities for the study of scientific agriculture, botany, electrical engineering and chemistry will be added to the institution's educational equipment. This sudden change in the policy of England's greatest university it is said has been due to the push of Lord Curzon, who now holds what has hitherto been the ornamental office of Chancellor of Oxford University. He has asked for \$1,250,000, to modernize this seat of learning, and there seems to be little doubt but that it will speedily be obtained.

In addition to the energy of Lord Curzon it is barely possible that the influx of American Rhodes scholars, and those from the British colonies, has stirred up a commotion of fresh, up-to-date ideas in the midst of the atmosphere of old world culture, and that this combined with the complaints of progressive Englishmen that Oxford was getting out of touch with the current of modern life has started the reform movement.

However, there seems to be no thought that Oxford will in any way lose its old reputation as a seat of academic learning. While the humanities will always play an important part in that university, these needed improvements will

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A body of prominent members of the engineering faculty of Minnesota is making a two-weeks tour of all the best engineering colleges in the United States. Particular attention will be paid to Purdue, Boston Tech., Cornell, Michigan and Illinois.

At Amherst College each professor who delays giving students' marks more than ten days will be charged one dollar for each day's additional delay. A fine of two dollars will be charged students who register after the first Sunday of the term.

During the last academic year, Chicago University received in gifts nearly \$6,000,000. This is the highest figure yet reached in a single year.

Sing Sing prison has a faculty of nine college men all in confinement who are engaged in the instruction of the other prisoners. The dean of the faculty comes from Cambridge and one of the "professors" is an Oxford man.

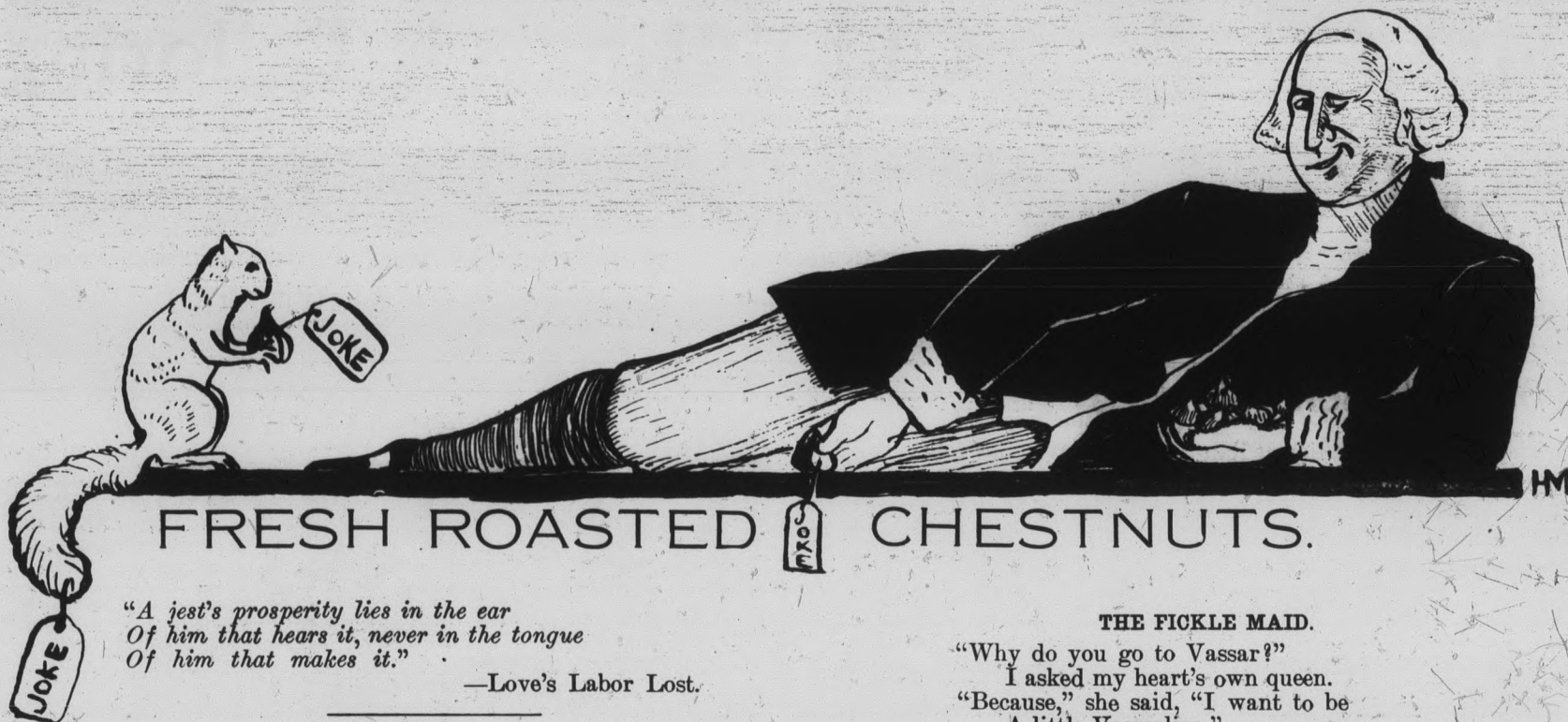
The president of the Senior Class at Allegheny is issuing a monthly bulletin of class events at his own expense.—Ex.

Dr. Edwin Earl Sparks, professor of American History in Chicago University, has accepted the presidency of the Pennsylvania State College, to which position he was unanimously elected by the board of trustees of the college. Dr. Sparks will enter upon his duties as president in June, 1908.

Michigan has thirty-two fraternities, eleven sororities, and six clubs—forty-nine in all.

The four class captains of the tug-of-war teams at Purdue have drawn up a new set of regulations to govern the inter-class contests which will be pulled off soon.

Senator Doliver says that the land on which the American University, at Washington, is being built will be worth \$10,000,000 in the lifetime of present day middle-aged folk. He predicts that the institution at Washington will, in time, prove to be the greatest triumph of Methodism.



*"A jest's prosperity lies in the ear
Of him that hears it, never in the tongue
Of him that makes it."*

—Love's Labor Lost.

ESMERALDA.

Oh, the moon was softly beaming through the sunlight,
O'er the rice fields of my Colorado home,
When I pressed my Esmeralda to my bosom,
And swore that I from her would never roam.

The foaming brook flowed gently up the hillside;
The turtle dove lowed softly o'er the lea;
Down my Esmeralda's cheek a salt tear trickled,
As she promised that she'd always stick to me.

From the branches of the pine trees sang the tom cat;
In the distance roared the dreadful lady bug,
As I stroked her purple tresses with my fingers,
And pressed her with a proud perspiring hug.

The cow was purring softly on the door-mat;
In the rain the twinkling stars shone overhead;
And her eyes of azure pink were dim with brightness,
As I whispered in her ear that we'd be wed.

On the fence the crocodile with joy was singing,
While the apple dumpling moaned his plaintive lay,
And the fierce tornado murmured in the rose bush,
As we talked of our approaching wedding day.

Oh, if I were a sea-gull or a chicken,
I'd fly away to yon far distant shore,
Where amid the honeysuckle and the grapenuts,
Lies Esmeralda, 'neath the sycamore.

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A wild, blood-curdling yell—
A ghastly object flashing by—
Then silence—and a smell!

—Harvard Lampoon.

Yes, Nature's wise, we can't deny,
In all her hidden ways,
But in her "types of men," oh why
Are there so many "J's"?—Life.

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Fibs—"Yes, he works in a bottling factory."—Princeton Tiger.

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'Twas not, she confessed, that she liked Vassar less,
But she really liked Bryn Mawr.

—Harvard Lampoon.

Larry—"I sent Maud a garter snake in alcohol for a joke."

Harry—"What did she do?"

Larry—"Oh, she returned it in the same spirit in which it was
sent."—Princeton Tiger.

Billy (critically)—"I can't see why you wear your automobile
skirt so short."

Geraldine (disappointedly)—"You can't?"—Cornell Widow.

EFFECTIVE RESULTS.

"I have never been whipped but once," declared the boastful
man, "and strange to say, it was for telling the truth."

"It cured you," ventured the wise guy quietly.

A professor of sciences, well known for his absent-mindedness,
was engaged in a deep controversy one day with a fellow-student
when his wife hurriedly entered the room. "Oh, my dear," she
cried, "I've swallowed a pin."

The Professor smiled. "Don't worry about it, my dear," he
said in a soothing tone. "It is of no consequence. Here"—he
fumbled at his lapel—"Here is another pin."

"Mary had a little lamp,
A jealous lamp, no doubt,
For whenever Mary's beau came in
The little lamp went out."

TWO TOURNEYS.

(1507)

"Avaunt!"

"Marry come up!"

"Odds splutter my nails, have at thee!"

"Oh, gadzooks!"

"Queer English, eh?"

(1907)

"F-a-a-ake!"

"Soak de empire!"

"Paste de bloomin' geezer in de slats!"

"Cheese it; de cops!"

"Queer English, eh?"

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

'Twas in my father's new red barn
One glorious summer day,
I sat amidst the lowing cows
And puffed upon the hay.
And as the volumed smoke arose
Like incense on the air,
I breathed a sigh because, forsooth,
It was my first cigar. —Yale Record.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE.

The convocation oration at Randolph-Macon College on Washington's birthday was delivered this year by Henry Parker Willis, Professor of Finance in George Washington University.

Professor C. W. A. Veditz has recently been elected a member of the editorial staff of a new German magazine of social and political science—The Archiv fuer Wirthschafts-und Rechtsphilosophie—of which the chief editor is Professor Kohler of the University of Berlin. The other American editors are Professor G. P. Garrison, University of Texas; Professor A. C. Miller, University of California; Professor W. B. Munro, Harvard University.

Mr. William Eleroy Curtis devotes two columns in last Monday's issue of the Washington Star to descriptions of the various universities throughout the country who are now training men for diplomatic and commercial careers. First on the list appears George Washington, of which he says in part:

"The George Washington University of this city, being closely in touch with the executive branches of the government, and particularly the Department of State, has had a flourishing school of diplomacy for several years, and I believe it is the only one in the United States. * * * It is proposed to enlarge that department (school) and extend its usefulness upon a plan that has the indorsement of Secretary Root and other officials of the Department of State and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives and others who take immediate interest in such matters.

"It is generally conceded that education improves a merchant as well as a lawyer or a doctor, and that a technical knowledge of any trade, or of transportation, or of agriculture, or of commerce, is a valuable equipment for a young man, no matter what business he engages in. The college man in

politics has been a familiar subject of analysis and discussion for many years; the college man in business is an equally interesting and important member of the community. The number of college graduates who are going into business is growing larger every year. A few years ago it was not considered necessary to furnish a higher education to a young man unless he were intending to enter a profession; but the number of bachelors of arts and bachelors of science in the banks, factories and mercantile houses, transportation lines and the other great industries is now very large."

Added to his own lectures on the consular service, given in the College this semester, Mr. Osborne is having carried into effect the plan of supplementing his lectures by talks on the various phases of the consular service and the Department of State given by consuls and officials of that department. The first talk of this kind was given Thursday evening by Mr. Gaillard Hunt, chief of the passport bureau, Department of State. Mr. Hunt is the author of "The Department of State, Its History and Functions," a work which has been adopted by the government as the official and authoritative history of the State Department. He gave a very interesting account of the evolution of the department from its birth in 1775 as the Secret Committee of Correspondence to its christening in 1789 as the Department of State.

We reprint this from a recent number of *The Michigan Daily*.

A course in sociology will be given this summer for the first time in the history of the University summer school. Arrangements have been made by which Prof. C. W. A. Veditz, of George Washington University, has been secured to conduct the courses.

In speaking of the selection of Prof. Veditz, Prof. Cooley, of the sociological department, said:

"Prof. Veditz is one of the best known of the younger sociologists. He comes to us with a reputation both as lecturer and as a teacher. He is a man of great initiative and of organizing ability, and though a young man, is one well able to conduct this work."

Prof. Veditz is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. After completing his college course he studied in New York, in France, Germany and Austria. At present he occupies the chair of political economy and sociology at George Washington University, at Washington, D. C. Prof. Veditz was the chief organizer of the American Sociological Society and was elected secretary, an office which he still holds."

In the summer session for 1908 Prof. Veditz will conduct courses in the principles of sociology and American social problems, and will also give special attention to graduate students.

For the first time in six years Yale won the inter-collegiate hockey championship. The teams in the league are Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, and Columbia.

Arrangements have been completed for the inter-collegiate swimming season, and the schedule is announced below. There are fifteen meets in all, the same as last year, and each of the six colleges composing the league—Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and the College of the City of New York—will swim against the others, with the exception of Harvard and Pennsylvania, who will not meet. C. C. N. Y. is a new member of the league this year, having taken the place of Brown.

California is to have a large new library building, which, when completed, will have cost two and a half millions. Pneumatic tubes

will be used to convey the books from the stacks to the delivery desk.

April 4 has been agreed upon as the date for the annual boat race between Oxford and Cambridge.

At Dartmouth football emblems of gold will be given to the members of the team which defeated Harvard. They will have the score of the game inscribed on the back.

V. K. W. Koo, a Chinese student of Columbia University, has won a place on the debating team that is to meet the Cornell team soon.

The Mohammedan University of Cairo, Egypt, is celebrating the thousandth anniversary of its foundation.

In January, 1907, Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave to Yale University \$40,000 to be used for the erection of a swimming pool. An additional \$15,000 was raised by the alumni and the university expects to begin work about March 1st, 1908, on what will be the finest pool in the East. It will be 75 feet long and will be surrounded by tiers of seats for the accommodation of 600 spectators.

Because he fears men will be driven out entirely and Oberlin will eventually become a girls' school, President King has proposed to the trustees that the rapid increase of feminine attendance be limited. Girls now constitute over one-half of the students body. President King wishes to limit the enrollment to 1,000. An Engineering School and higher entrance requirements for the Conservatory of Music are advocated as measures to gain a better balance of the sexes.

The University of Chicago is going to abolish co-education.

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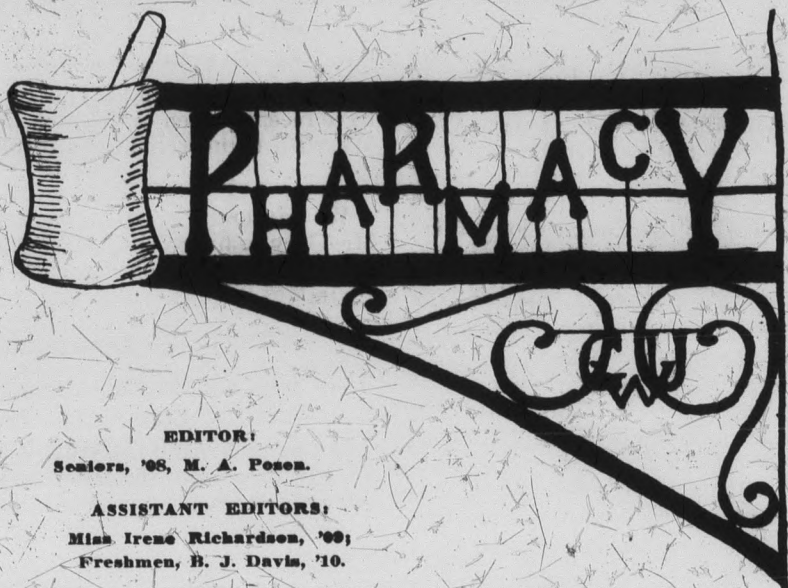
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One day along in '96,
I saw the funny name McMix.
I wondered who McMix might
be—
An Irishman or Scotchman he.

My memory—was it playing
tricks?

Perhaps I'd met this man McMix;
Yet did my recollection lack
That somewhat unfamiliar
"Mack."

McCarty I have known for long,
McCabes, McFarlands in a
thrang,

McManuses—oh, five or six;
But where, now, did I meet Mc-
Mix?

"You have not known him, have
not met
McMix," a still, small voice says.
"Yet;"

But worry not—as old time ticks
The years away you'll meet Mc-
Mix.

"From out the vast will he appear
And spend with you a whole long
year.
About one year from now. Just
wait—
You'll meet McMix, which is a
date.
MCMIX"

—Lifted.

SENIORS '08

Lost: About 12:30 p. m., Thurs-
day, February 20, tall, handsome,

dark-haired gentleman of dis-
tinguished appearance, notwith-
standing his profession—Phar-
macy. When last seen, was head-
ed for bargain counters of Lans-
burgh's. \$20.00 reward for any
information as to his whereabouts.
Is possessed of one pair of spec-
tacles and the name of St—le.
Apply to Miss R—chds—n, '08.

The N. C. P. was the scene of
some vigorous arguments, Tues-
day, February 18, during Phar-
maceutical jurisprudence hour.
We can still hear the resonant
voice of Timberlake pleading to
use his Phar. D., without being
registered.

The question which is agitating
our minds just now is that of ac-
quiring the degree of Phar. D.
After first obtaining the degree, we
can then begin worrying about the
legality of using it without being
registered.

Who said Microscopy? A
deathly gloom reigns o'er all who
hear the deadly word pronounced!
Prospects of graduation fade at
the pleasant prospects of identi-
fying 75 per cent of Prof. How-
ard's pet unknowns under the
microscope. Oh, buckets of grief!

Somebody must be selling snow-
balls, for we found an ice shaver
in his coat pocket. Guess who he
is?

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Arrivals in Botany. Due 10:00
a. m.

Boyer, 10:05 a. m.

Deming, 10:15 a. m.

Schulze, 11:00 (clock 5 min.
slow.)

Truly this is a marvelous class.
Just think of it, one of our boys
is the erudite Professor of Phar-
macy, giving instruction to a
bevy of pretty nurses at a local
hospital! Thompson is the lucky
dog and he is envied by all of us.
They tell us his lectures are very
instructive, even including direc-
tions for making Tr. Iodine out of
the fluid extract.

The latest melodrama, "Boyer's
Dilemma, or The Myster of the
Cover Glass."

JUNIORS '09

We extend our deepest sympa-
thy to Mr. Reese, who has lost
two of his brothers within the last
month.

The class pictures were so suc-
cessful that each member has ord-
ered one as a remembrance of
"dear old college days."

Mr. Milburn was smoking a
"peace (or piece) pipe" during the
lunch period on Saturday last. Sa-
cred fumes!

Mr. E. V. Payne was the only
member of the class, Monday
evening, who knew anything
about arsenic. Prof. Hillebrand
says it is used for the complexion.

FRESHMEN '10

"Valence, Specific Gravity and
the Metric System.
Gracious! But the Freshmen do
twistem."

—"D, '10."

Several members of this class
are beginning to realize that it re-
quires considerable effort to be-
come a Junior.

We haven't had a book from
Prof. Kalusowski for three weeks.
Kindly notice the look of sorrow
on the faces of Wacksmuth and
Whitaker!

The class regrets to hear that
trouble with his eyes has been the
cause of Caboniss' irregular at-
tendance.

Prof. Holton gave a private
quiz to the students who left
early last Wednesday. There was
considerable hesitation on the part
of several of the early departures.

LIVES ON ONE EGG A DAY.

Not many a lad in the land
could subsist on a diet of "one egg
a day," but it has proved sufficient
for Howard, the little son of Mr.
and Mrs. S. W. Elliott, of 443
North Uber street, who celebrated
his eighth birthday recently.

Physicians have been puzzling
their brains about this strange
case for many months, for it has
seemed queer to them that a boy
could exist on so slim a ration. But
it is a necessity for Howard El-
liott, for his organs are so weak
that he cannot digest any heavier
food. So he eats an egg every
day.

The boy is a bit stronger than
he used to be, and he has a brain
that would well fit a lad of twice
his years. A diet of one egg a day
seems to develop the gray matter,
for Howard makes all the other
boys in his department at school
hustle some if they are not to be
eclipsed by a "weakling."

Physically he is deficient, for
his tender muscles and undevel-
oped body will not stand the romp
and tumble of the ordinary play-
ground. But Howard makes a
hard try at "being a boy," even if
it does use up about all the en-
ergy he can accumulate in the
course of a week. The birthday
celebration yesterday was a bright
event, and brought many of his
playmates to his home.

There are persons in the neigh-
borhood who declare that Howard
gets a little extra sustenance on
the side, but his father and moth-
er scoff at this "ridiculous idea."
So Howard still holds the reputa-
tion of being the very lightest
eater in Philadelphia.—Philadel-
phia North American.

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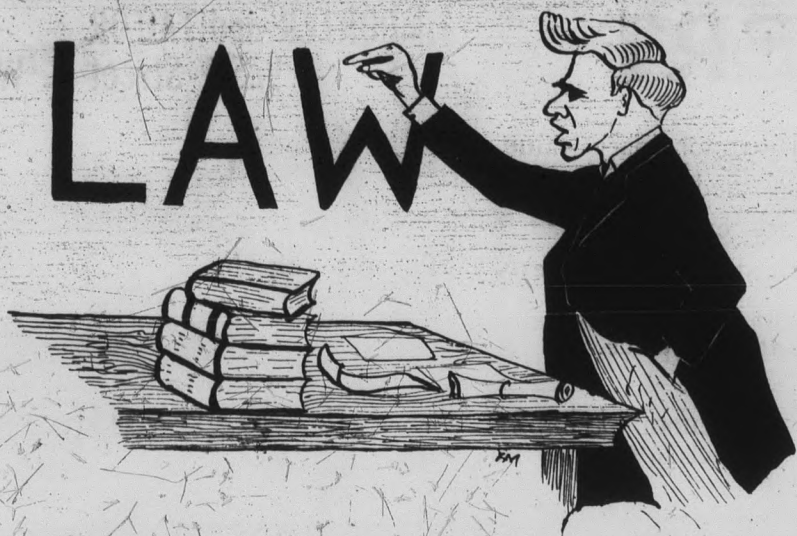
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The passing of the birthday of George Washington last Saturday brings up the question, "Is the patriotism of the country on the decline?" There is but one answer to be made to this inquiry, and that is an emphatic and unequivocal "No, patriotism is not on the decline in our land." Let there come a war, when men and women are needed to protect these United States, and the truth of our assertion will be quickly borne out.

It might seem, however, although that noble emotion called patriotism is as strong within the hearts of Americans to-day as it ever was, that some of the old-fashioned evidences of patriotism are being forgotten. For instance, one does not hear very often in these days a good "old-timer" patriotic Fourth of July speech, one of those speeches, I mean, where the orator tells of the mighty deeds of valor accomplished by our Revolutionary forefathers, and thunders out what we'd do to the whole earth in the future if it ever became necessary, where he says that God made our thirteen little colonies and will ever protect our national welfare, and where he points to the stars and stripes with which the speakers' stand is always decorated and winds up his Fourth of July oration with a burst of eloquence that has in it something about the old flag waving forever o'er "the land of the free and the home of the brave." That's the kind of speech, or "evidence of patriotism," if you please, that seems to be going out

of fashion these days, and we regret that it is so. The writer has lived most of his life in a small town and has heard many speeches of the nature mentioned above, and some of you legal fellows are not unfamiliar with this kind of talk.

Mr. Fairbanks recently made a speech at some evening function in this city, at which, I believe, several other distinguished men prominent in our national life also spoke. The writer heard the vice president's address severely criticized on the day following, when extracts from the speech had appeared in the morning press, the criticism being based on the assertion that it consisted of "hot air,—just a lot of talk about the stars and stripes," and such like. The charge was true. Mr. Fairbanks had not, in the course of his address, once mentioned the railroad problem, the tariff, or the advisability of increasing our forest lands or the standing army. He had simply confined his remarks to a good old-fashioned presentation of a few principles of our national liberty; talked some about the "wavin' flag," intimated that we were the greatest nation on earth, and let it go at that. Whether we agree with the president of the Senate in his political views, let us take off our hats to him for giving us such a speech. We need it, perhaps, in these days, lest we grow to think our country is composed solely and wholly of railroads and navies and tariffs and monopolies.

There is no lack of patriotism in the hearts of young and old America, we repeat, but we do

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just hunger and thirst for some of the evidences of that emotion, such as were wont to be found in the Fourth of July speech of our boyhood, country-town days. Let's get busy and learn the preamble to the Constitution, word for word, if we do not already know it. Let's read over the Declaration of Independence six or eight times until we get its principles fairly well fixed in our brain, and then let us, as members of the legal profession, not hesitate to make a patriotic speech when the twenty-second of February or the Fourth of July comes 'round, even though, as a result thereof, we are accused of forgetting to talk about railroads and octopuses.

R. L. H.

Branch Rickey, coach at Ohio Wesleyan, has entered the Law College, here, taking full work in addition to his duties as coach of the basketball team at Delaware.

A correspondence chess match is being arranged between Cornell and Harvard, the games beginning within the next two weeks.

Cornell is soliciting funds for a \$10,000 clubhouse for canoes, row-boats and motorboats, to be built near Renwick Park and to serve as the headquarters of the different college crews.

The Quadrangular Chess League will challenge Oxford and Cambridge to an international tourney between representatives of English and American universities, the match to be played by cable this spring. Representatives from Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania will probably be asked to participate.

A plan is on foot for the erection of a nine-story clubhouse in New York for the graduates of Williams, Amherst, Brown, Dartmouth, Wesleyan and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

NOT TIME'S SLAVE.

An old Georgia negro was sent to the hospital in Atlanta. One of the nurses put a thermometer in his mouth to take his temperature. Presently, when the doctor made his rounds, he said, "Well, George, how do you feel?"

"I feel right tol-ble, boss."

"Have you had any nourishment?"

"Yassir."

"What did you have?"

"A lady done gimme a piece of glass to suck, boss."—Atlanta Constitution.

DENTAL, 1910.

Melville P. Eslin, Editor.

Messrs. Pelton and Armstrong have recently been on the sick list. We wish them well in the future.

We sincerely sympathize with Mr. Cary in his recent trouble and hope that he will soon be with us again.

The day class in Physiology is doing very well, thank you.

If you had taken the trouble to bring a chair into the laboratory, and some person had cruelly and maliciously appropriated the same while you were occupied in another direction, would you feel put out? Well, rather!

Now, that we have finished dissecting, that dear 1912 Medical Class has resumed its peaceful slumber. Dream on!

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MEDICAL.

A certain Junior Med. took his wife and four-year-old boy over to Alexandria Saturday to see the George Washington parade. As the donkeys passed by with the George Washington Juniors on them, this was overheard:

"Mamma, may I get on the donkey's back?"

"No, dear. But if you are good papa will take you on his back. That will be just the same."

H. W. Chichester has returned from New York, where he has been for several days on business.

Of the one hundred and fifty students who attended the Y. M. C. A. banquet, Thursday evening, only five were from the Medical school. Such a small representation at an annual affair like this does not speak well for the Medical school. Toasts by President Needham, Dean Hodgkins, Prof. Veditz, Dean Wilbur, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Hairs were thoroughly enjoyed. After an excellent supper, the banquet hall rang with college songs and G. W. U. yells. Fred B. Smith was the speaker of the evening, and his was a masterly address. Medics, promise yourself now that you will not miss this annual banquet next year!

The Medical Editor has in his possession the original copy of the following proposal, which was received by a popular member of the Junior Class. Here it is:

My Dear _____:
I can wait no longer; I must tell you that I love you. Will you be mine? Won't you accept me? Look! Oh, look at William Jobson, Clarence Craft, "Doctor" McLaughlin, "Brother" McEnery and the others who have bachelor apartments. They all have refused offers. See their fate? Accept me. It will boom Washington. It will boom G. W. U. Medical College. Other girls will then propose. We'll break the ice. Houses will be in demand. Preachers will have more business. The furniture dealers will prosper. It will be the making of Greater Washington. Listen to me. You must listen! Think! Think what it all means! Will you be mine!

Think of the honeymoon and the other joys of married life. Consider! Think it over.

(Name withheld).

This notice is posted on the bulletin board: Lost—A watch, between the College and half-past eight. (After I saw that, I called for a bottle of Peruna on ice).

French, McEnery, Brooks, Jobson, Simonton, Chartters, and Wood were very much in evidence at the ball Friday night.

MID-WINTER CONVOCATION.

(Continued from page two.)

But another question presents itself: Would the government be able to run the railroads as cheaply as private ownership runs them? Profits you know is a result of a mathematical process, in which income and expense are both equally important factors. As expense runs up profits go down, and as profits go down, the deficiency runs up. Expense and deficiencies go up and down together—and that is no reflection on silver and wheat either.) I doubt if any man will contend that the government can run anything as cheaply as private individuals can do it. There may be particular reasons why the government should and must do a certain thing, but there is no reason in the books why the government can do it as cheaply. The government never works by the rules of economy, but by the rule of necessity. Experience of the past has taught us that economy is not a governmental virtue. We boast of our postoffice system, and yet it has never paid expenses. Postal service is cheap of course at any price, but the price has never equalled the cost. Yet, notwithstanding, to-day there is pending a proposition more or less certain and responsible to run the postal system at half what it costs the government. There is no department of the government to-day that would not be run with twenty-five per cent less clerks and fifty per cent less salary under private control. Tied up with red tape and sewed up with civil service—the government service is neither economical nor exceedingly practical.

There is another important financial reason to that portion of the country that I live in. I live out there in a State with more square miles than all New England. We raise enough pork and beef and wheat and corn to feed all of New England. We have more sunshine and more pure air than all New England. We have a better country than New England. But with all this to our credit out in Nebraska, we only have two members of the United States Senate and six Congressmen, while New England has twelve Senators and twenty-eight members in the House of Representatives. I want more railroads in Nebraska—I want what is there double-tracked—I want more engines and more cars, and for my part I would rather trust to private capital putting railroads there where they are needed than to exigencies of political log rolling, handicapped by the discrepancy of votes that confronts us. Last year there were built in Nebraska 183 miles of new railroad, while in four States of New England there was not a mile built, and in all New England there were built only forty-six miles. Nebraska increased her railroad mileage in 1904 two and sixty-seven hundredths per cent, while New England increased hers .59 per cent. Does anyone familiar with legislative processes believe the proportion would have been that if the forty votes of New England and the eight from Nebraska had been determining it in a log rolling scramble on the floors of Congress?

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The power that builds light-houses in harbors, and then dredges the harbors to make use of the light-houses, might build railroads, even though practical business rules would not have prescribed their need. Statistics show that west of the Mississippi River we have forty-seven per cent of the railroads and only twenty-eight per cent of the public buildings. Private capital builds the railroads, and they go where there is hope of reward. Public officials locate the buildings, and they go where there are the most Congressmen. It required a quarter of a century of fighting and praying to begin the irrigation of the arid lands of the West, while during that time the unruly rivers of the South have been diked and the dry rivers of the East have been dredged in the sum of \$450,118,899.95. And I fear that Massachusetts, with her railroads well developed and a mile of road for every four square miles of territory, and New Jersey, with a mile of road for every three square miles of territory, might not appreciate as much the propriety of railroad building as we people in young, progressive and undeveloped Nebraska, with only seven and one-half miles of railroad to a hundred square miles of territory. But you say to me, irrigation came—yes, under the whip and spur of the Wild West rider who has successfully lassoed the hearts of the American people, and is now temporarily abiding in the White House.

I am not arousing sectionalism; I am only picturing human nature in every section. I am not sentimental; I am only portraying the result in every country that has tried government ownership and is large enough to have diversified industries and unequal distribution of its people. Russia and Belgium are the two countries most used to persuade Americans to government ownership—Russia because of her great territory, and Belgium because she makes the best showing. But they are not parallel cases to the United States, and offer no valuable comparison, for Russia has no railroads, comparatively speaking, and Belgium has no territory, while the United

States is large in both. Russia is great in square miles, but short in railroad miles. She is big in population, but small in transportation. She occupies one-sixth of the dry land of the earth's surface—she is three times as large as the United States—has twice as many people—and has one-sixth as many miles of railroads as the United States.

Belgium occupies a spot on the earth's surface about one-seventh the size of Nebraska, and in that territory lives a population six times that of Nebraska. Get the figures. One-seventh as large as Nebraska and six times as many people. Eleven thousand square miles and six million people. The United States has three and a half million square miles and eighty millions of people. Belgium has four thousand miles of railroad and the United States has more than 233,000 miles of railroad. Belgium is about the size of Massachusetts and has about the same amount of railroads. I submit that government ownership of a few miles covering a small territory, with people compact and quite equally distributed, industries not greatly diversified, is not a very sufficient precedent for a country the size of the United States. The countries that have trusted to private enterprise to build their railroads have fared better than those that have undertaken to develop them by government ownership.

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any sort of ownership must be operated by men—plain, frail men. Successful operation depends upon the supervision and control of the operating under either system. Let the government control and provide in general the objects that must be accomplished, but trust the private owner to economically work out the details. Half the laws under private control will bring about the end we all seek as would produce the same result under government ownership. Discriminations are not unknown in countries where the railroads are owned by the government. The farmers of the wheat-raising section of eastern Germany have complained for years of the system that has kept their products out of the mining districts along the Rhine. Special export rates which our courts have condemned are common practice in Germany.

I found in France that the freight rates on the same article for the same distance over the same track was higher one way than if going the other way.

There are abuses under government ownership and under private ownership. But no country on earth ever assumed government ownership to stop abuses.

The question that has troubled every other country has been how to get railroads. In America that has been our smallest grief. With a few exceptions railroads have preceded demand. Just why in this young country capital has been so plentiful and so daring may not easily be answered, but the fact remains, that nowhere are railroad facilities so adequate for every portion of the country as in the United States.

So I say that circumstances, political and commercial, the conditions of a people, social and financial, have determined the relation of governments to their railroads. But none of those influences impel America to government ownership. Americanism is a mighty protest against paternal-

ism—we are born as a Republic, out of a great contest of individualism against paternalism. The traditions of the Republic and the inspiration of her people revolt against the antediluvian rule of paternalism. In other countries conditions have been different. In one form or another they have been governed by monarchs and patriarchs.

In those localities there is government ownership of railways. It is traditional with them. It is a part of their commercial education—they are satisfied with what the government can do, and the government does what it can. It is tradition there—it would be revolutionary here. It would be a spear thrust to the very heart of our body politic. It would mean revolution not only to our political ideals, but to our commercial affairs. It means paternalism in politics and socialism in commerce.

COMING TO THE THEATERS.

A very complimentary and affecting scene occurred on the stage of the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt, in Paris, last June, during Olga Nethersole's performance of Clyde Fitch's dramatization of Alphonse Daudet's great story, "Sapho." The actress had just finished her last scene, and as she walked off the stage, she was met by Mme. Daudet, widow of the author of "Sapho," who had called with her son to pay her tribute. The son was he to whom the father had dedicated the novel. The widow was in tears.

"Madame, you have brought back memories of my husband to-night," said Mme. Daudet. "You have revealed to Paris the real Sapho my husband conceived and executed in the pages of his book. He would be delighted were he alive to-night. I can pay you no higher compliment."

Miss Nethersole and her own company, including Frank Mills,

will be the attraction at the New National Theater for the week beginning Monday, March 2, and during that time will be seen in "Sapho" and other plays that are new to Washington theatergoers.

"The Rose of the Rancho," David Belasco's play of early Spanish life in Southern California,

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Charles Frohman will present, at the Columbia Theater next week a new comedy entitled "Toddlers," which, though new here, comes with a record of two seasons in London, Paris, Berlin, and Vienna. The London production was also made by Charles Frohman, who used the version written by Clyde Fitch, which will be the one seen here. It is significant that the run of "Toddlers" in London was longer than that of any other European city in which the comedy was presented. For the American production, Mr. Frohman has engaged an exceptionally strong company, which will include Arthur Elliott, Louis Massen, Charles Walcott, Oswald Yorke, Sadie Martinot, Pauline Frederick, and Jeffreys Lewis. The title role, Toddlers, will be played by Gayer Mackay, a newcomer to this country.

Chase's next week will be the scene of unusual public demonstrations, anticipated in behalf of the polite vaudeville bill composed of Miss Valerie Bergere and company in "Billie's First Love," the Sleedes, famous English pantomimists in "The Mysterious Hotel," Raymond and Caverly, the language-twisting Teutons; Catherine Hayes and Sabel Johnson in "A Dream of Baby Days," Herbert Cyril, "The London Johnnie," the Jupiter brothers, the Sandwinas, and the motion pictures of "The Suburbanite's Ingenious Alarm." The advance sale of reserved seats opens tomorrow.

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